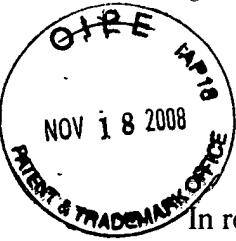


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated 05/14/2008, Applicant(s) request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please note the period for response having been extended until 11/14/2008, by the accompanying Petition and fee.